

The E-Rate program has been a phenomenal success in bringing internet access to so many classrooms across America. In the last funding cycle, applications from schools and libraries requested a total of more than \$5 billion—twice the amount of available funding. I respectfully urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at least \$5 billion to meet this demand. All students need access to high-speed broadband. Our success as a nation and culture is directly related to this and similar initiatives.